

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Distributed Generation Interconnection in the State of Illinois

Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff") has committed to moving forward with plans to draft Illinois Administrative Code for the interconnection of distributed generation to electric utility systems. The initial documents generated in this process are posted under the Electricity section of the Illinois Commerce Commission's web site ([www.icc.state.il.us](http://www.icc.state.il.us)). The first document is a draft rule that would govern distributed generation interconnections that fall under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission. The second document is a draft interconnection agreement (Appendix A), which is referenced in the draft rule. The third document contains two interconnection applications (Appendices B and C), which are also referenced in the rule.

If you have participated in the FERC's small generator interconnection NOPR or interconnection proceedings in other jurisdictions, some aspects of these documents may look familiar. The draft rule contains elements of a rule that Staff has been working on over the past year. When NARUC issued its Model Interconnection Procedures and Agreement for Small Distributed Generation Resources ("NARUC Model"), Staff decided to alter some of the terminology and procedures to more closely conform to the NARUC Model while still preserving Staff's initial ideas. The interconnection agreement is nearly identical to the interconnection agreement adopted by the Texas Public Utility Commission. The interconnection applications are nearly identical to the NARUC interconnection applications.

Staff is soliciting comments on any and all aspects of these documents and any other issues related to distributed generation interconnection in Illinois. Any party is welcome to provide comments, so feel free to forward this notice and related documents to any interested party. In preparing comments, we ask that you: 1) submit your comments in Microsoft Word format; and 2) reference a section and subsection before each comment when commenting on the draft rule (e.g. Section XXX.040 (a)(1)); or 3) comment directly in the documents using the "track changes" feature commonly referred to as strikeout/underscore or legislative style. Please remember that the process is somewhat informal at this point, and we expect several revisions of the attached documents in the workshop process before attaching them to a formal Staff Report recommending that the Commission initiate a rulemaking.

The schedule of this informal procedure is somewhat dynamic due to obligations in docketed proceedings, but we will try to stick to the schedule below as closely as possible. Because we took an extra two weeks to distribute these documents and more time to post them to the web site, we added some additional time to the deadlines. Please e-mail your comments to [ciannell@icc.state.il.us](mailto:ciannell@icc.state.il.us) by **January 30, 2004**.

The following is the proposed schedule for the remainder of this informal proceeding:

- I. **January 30, 2004: Interested parties submit comments and proposed language changes to Staff.**
- II. February 20, 2004: Staff sends out revised draft documents.
- III. March 12, 2004: Workshop with interested parties.
- IV. Dynamic Workshop Schedule based on need (up to 4 months of time) to reduce outstanding issues.
- V. April 29, 2004 - August 13, 2004: Staff Report to the Commission with proposed rule. The presentation of the Staff Report and proposed rule would occur one month after the end of the workshops.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Staff looks forward to your comments.

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